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of society women; (2) that the tyrannical constitution of the College of Nursing, Ltd., is a danger to the independence of working nurses; and (3) that the British Women's Hospital Committee has made the appeal for charity for the Nation's Nurses, in opposition to their earnestly expressed wishes that they should not be so humiliated.

These are three good reasons why the public should withhold money, every penny of which the nursing profession considers should now be spent in aid of heroic men, many of them sick and wounded unto death; starving and homeless women and children whose countries have been devastated by fire and sword, and in speedily winning the war, which adds daily to the great army of martyrs.

The connection of the College of Nursing with state registration is echoed again in the October number of *Una* (which has made its journey to us from Australia in two months' time), where Miss Eden and Miss Rimmer, of the National Union of Trained Nurses (England), give excellent statements of the point of view of organized nurses.

As we have begun criticising our allies, let us say very frankly right here that the colorless, neutral attitude of the Australian nursing journals on this very vital question in British nursing affairs seems to us quite inexplicable, and quite seriously wrong. The Australian nurses certainly have principles on such subjects; their journals must certainly hold a policy. Why, then, do they not express their policy, assert their standards, in behalf of their English sisters, and give them moral support? It is really sadly weak, in our opinion, to read in a professional journal that it makes no comment on so serious a point of professional current history, but "gives both sides." To give both sides would be only right and proper if an editorial judgment followed, but when no comment is made one cannot avoid a feeling of disappointment.

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